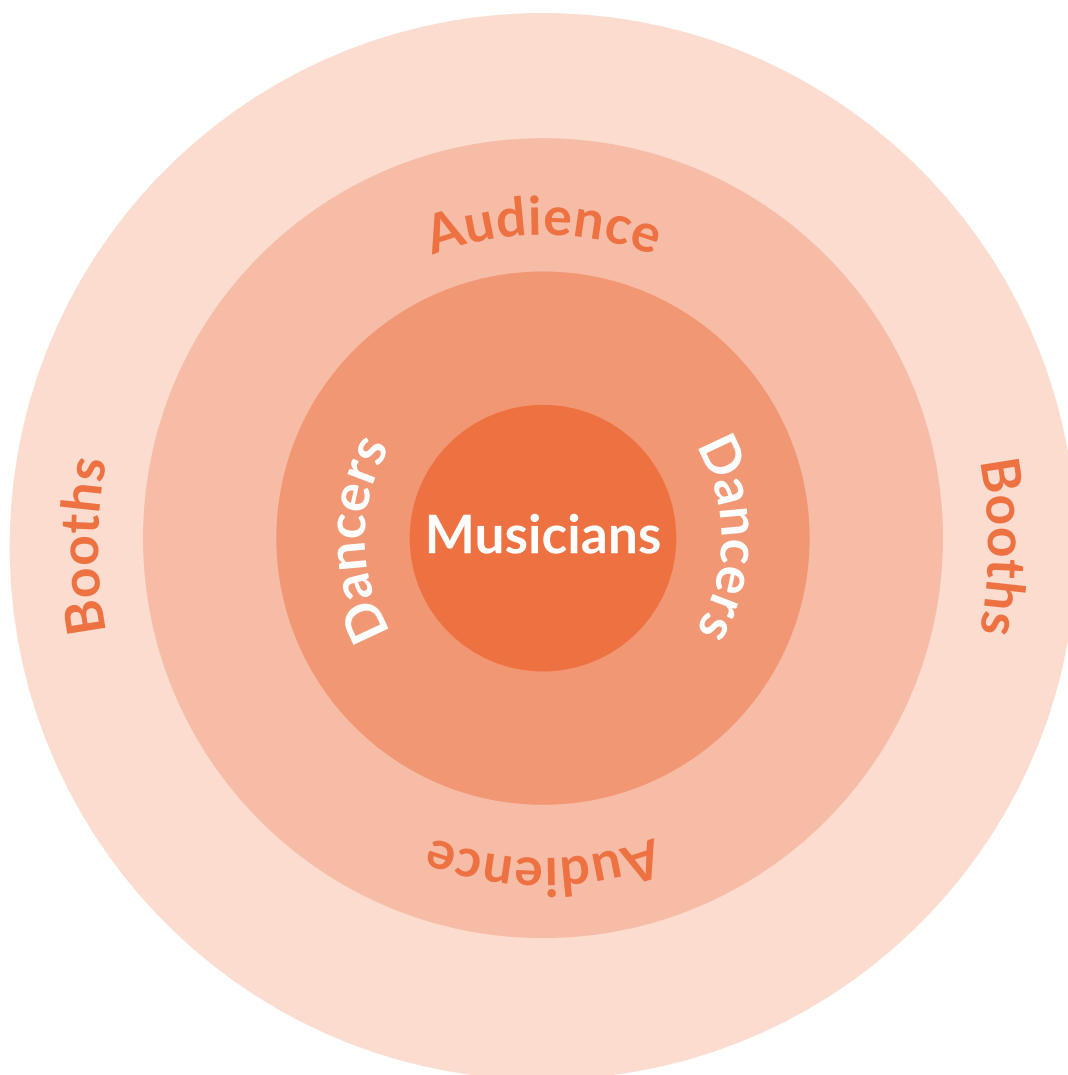


HOW A POW-WOW WORKS

A pow-wow starts with a ceremony. First there is an opening parade to the sound of songs and drums. Then there are songs to honor the host nation or the elders, for example.

Often, a prayer will be recited by an elder, who will then do a purification ceremony by burning sage or another plant.

The dances, competitions and other activities can then begin. During a pow-wow, activities are often arranged in circles.



In the center, **musicians** are surrounded by **dancers**.

This way, the **audience** can choose the best place to get a good view. This space is also used for walking from one place to another.

All around the circle there are **booths** where you can buy crafts, souvenirs and food.

Sports competitions take place outside the circle, for example on the river for canoeing or in an arena.

At the end of the pow-wow, a feast and gift exchange take place before the closing ceremony.